

SISTERS: MARTHA AND MARY

*A creative interpretation of the story of Jesus, Martha and Mary
found in Luke 10:38-42. By Verna Kwiatkowski.*

Martha –

A doer – generous, kind,
Especially to Jesus.
She could never get enough of his company.
How she loved him!
Nothing was too good for Jesus.
What could she give?
Her home!
“Whenever you are in the vicinity
Come stay at my house.
My home is always open to you –
My home in Bethany.”

“Now let’s see –

The appetizer’s ready
And the salad, and the tea.
How’s the soup? Needs stirring.
Watch the meat. Don’t let it burn!
Vegetables are cooking,
Dessert is all prepared.
The silver is polished,
The table set with care.
I forgot to cut the flowers!
We need a centerpiece. Where’s Mary?
The soup’s boiling over!
I smell the meat –
Where’s Mary? Mary!”

“I’m sitting at Jesus’ feet!”

“Lord, don’t you care?

My sister has left me to do the work
All alone!
Tell her to help me!”

“Martha, Martha –

(such a gentle voice!)
You are worried and upset about many things.
I know you, Martha.
You want everything to be perfect.

I appreciate what you are doing for me.
We have to eat, I know,
But Martha, is all this necessary?
We could have done with a casserole.

“You and Mary are different.
Don’t force her into your way.
I love you both,
And I know your intent,
But Martha, this I must say –
Mary has chosen what is better,
And it will not be taken away.”

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